

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: AOKI, et al.,

Serial Number: 09/883,763

Filed: June 18, 2001

For: METHOD FOR TREATING PAIN
WITH BOTULINUM TOXIN TYPE B



) Examiner: Billy Chism

) Art Unit: 1654

) Confirmation No.: 3611

) Irvine, California

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

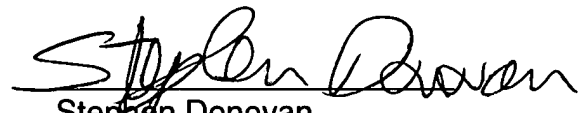
The September 26, 2003 non-final office action in this application requested applicants to restrict to one of the inventions of Groups I to VI, amongst the claims 1-20.

Respectfully, the restriction requirement is in error and should be withdrawn. Claims 1-20 were cancelled, and claims 21-52 were added to this application by the preliminary amendment filed June 18, 2001. A copy of the preliminary amendment is enclosed. To remove any doubt, applicants hereby cancel claims 1-20 without prejudice to further prosecution at a later date.

All issues raised by the office action have been addressed. Examination and allowance of claims 21-52 is requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date: October 14, 2003


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